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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 7 and 16 have been amended herein to correct minor informalities.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-7, drawn to a system for feeding forward reticle fabrication data;

Group II – Claims 8-13, drawn to a system for feeding forward reticle fabrication data;

Group III – Claims 14-18, drawn to a method for feeding forward reticle fabrication control information; and

Group IV – Claim 19, drawn to a system for feeding forward reticle fabrication control data.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-7) for further prosecution on the merits.

Claims 14-18 have been amended pursuant to the rejoinder rules (MPEP §821.04 and 37 C.F.R. §1.121). Claims 14-18 include all the limitations of claims 1-7.

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Conclusion

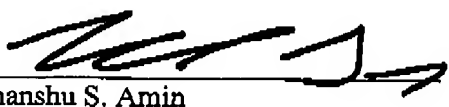
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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